

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-41 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 3-7 have been amended and new claims 38-41 have been added. Applicants have also amended the title to be more descriptive of the provisionally elected Group 1. Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 1, 4-5 and 8-27) of the invention with traverse for further prosecution. In addition, Applicants submit that amended claims 3-7, claims 28-36 and new claims 38-41 read on the elected Group I.

Further, Applicants have elected the species A(1) (claims 1 and 4 read on the elected species), B(1) (claims 1 and 5 read on the elected species), C(1) (claims 1 and 15 read on the elected species), D(1) (claims 1 and 17 read on the elected species) and E(1) (claims 1 and 19 read on the elected species) for further prosecution at this time. Claims 1, 8-14, 18 and 20-27 remain generic to all species and to the nonelected inventions.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made”**.

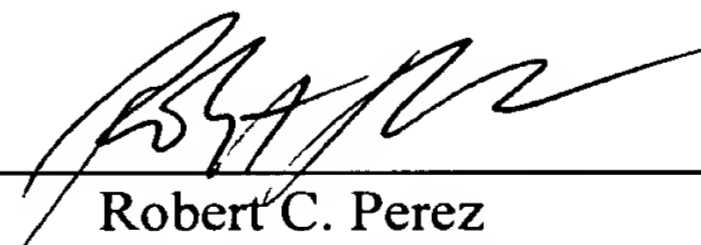
Should any issues require clarification or resolution prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

An early and favorable first Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

The title is changed as follows:

DRAWN MICROCHANNEL ARRAY DEVICES [AND METHOD OF ANALYSIS USING SAME]

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-7 as follows:

3. (Amended) A device as in claim 1, further comprising [for analyzing a plurality of sample components, comprising:

a drawn substrate having a length, the drawn substrate having at least two drawn channels formed therein;

the drawn channels extending in a direction parallel to the length; and]

at least one endcap substrate having at least one endcap channel, the at least one endcap channel being in fluid communication with at least one channel selected from the group comprising: a selected one of the drawn channels, a plurality of the drawn channels, another endcap channel and combinations thereof.

4. (Amended) A device as in claim 1 or 3 with at least one drawn channel having a cross sectional area in the range of 0.0001mm^2 to 1mm^2 [, preferably 0.0025mm^2 to 0.25mm^2 , and most preferably 0.005mm^2 to 0.0075mm^2].

5. (Amended) A device as in claim 1 or 3 with at least one drawn channel having a length in the range of 1mm to 1km [, preferably 3mm to 1000mm, and most preferably 10mm to 250mm].

6. (Amended) A device as in claim 1 or 3, wherein the drawn substrate is utilized in a micro electro mechanical system [utilizing a device as in claim 1 or 3].

7. (Amended) A device as in claim 1 or 3, wherein the drawn substrate is utilized in a lab on a chip system [utilizing a device as in claim 1 or 3].

New claims 38-41 have been added.